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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PATCHING ELECTROCHEMICALY DEPOSITED LAYERS USING ELECTROLESS DEPOSITED MATERIALS

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which:

[x]   is attached hereto
[ ]   was filed on _____, under Serial No. _____ , executed on even date
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      and was amended on _____ (if applicable)
[ ]   was described and claimed in PCT International Application
      No._____ filed on _____
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with
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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any provisional or foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below, and have also identified below any provisional or foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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A.   **Prior foreign/PCT application(s) filed within 12 mos. (6 mos. for design) prior to this application, and any priority claims under 35 U.S.C. §119**

Country/PCT	Application No	Date Filed	Priority Claimed
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Country:
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Filing date:

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Serial No.	Filing Date
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